



## Memorandum

Date: Tuesday, September 25, 2012  
To: City Council Transportation Committee  
From: Peter Hahn, Director  
Subject: **Director's Monthly**

**More Funding Proposed Next Year for Street Repairs:** *The Seattle Times* printed a feature article regarding Mayor Mike McGinn's announcement this week that his proposed 2013-2014 budget includes an increase of more than \$5 million for road repairs. This means more funding will be available for arterial street maintenance, chip seal, crack seal and non-arterial street paving.

## ITEMS OF INTEREST

**Sunday Parking Time Limits on the Central Waterfront:** SDOT completed installation of free Sunday time-limits on 50 blockfaces in the Central Waterfront in late August. The time-limits were installed in response to requests from Central Waterfront businesses impacted by SR-99 tunnel construction, and limit parking from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Sundays to either two- or four-hours, consistent with existing limits on weekdays and Saturdays.

**Delridge Way SW Paving Project:** On Wednesday, September 12, the Delridge Wy SW Paving Project advertised for construction bids, with bid opening set for October 3<sup>rd</sup>. At a minimum, the contract includes paving Delridge Wy SW between Orchard and Henderson; however, the paving could extend south to Roxbury and include 16<sup>th</sup> Ave SW between Henderson and Roxbury if the current favorable bidding climate continues.

This Bridging the Gap funded project will improve the pavement condition and promote safety for all modes of travel. Work includes:

- Asphalt resurfacing between Orchard and Holden streets with areas of full pavement reconstruction
- Concrete pavement reconstruction in the travel lanes between Holden and Henderson streets
- New drainage detention pipes to slow storm water flow into Longfellow Creek during heavy rain
- New and upgraded curb ramps to improve pedestrian mobility
- New roadway markings



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Construction is scheduled to start in January 2013 and last up to one year, depending on the final scope. A public open house will be held Tuesday, October 2 to help residents and area businesses learn more about the upcoming project and related construction impacts.

**Linden Ave N Complete Street:** Construction of the Linden Avenue North Complete Street Project has been underway since early June, with installation of base paving and sidewalks between N 135th and N 141st streets now complete. Between N 128th and N 137th streets crews have been installing storm drainage structures in preparation for the new roadway, as well as curbs, gutters and sidewalks. For cyclists and pedestrians the Linden Avenue North project fills in a missing link in the Interurban Trail. The Linden project is mentioned in an August 30, 2012 Seattle Daily Journal of Commerce article entitled, *"Artists turn the spotlight on infrastructure."* The write up notes Jen Dixon's planned art installation, which will place old street signs in patterns that mimic amusement park rides.

#### **Weekly Traffic Camera Usage Update:**

Week of: 09/02/2012 to 09/08/2012

Total Camera Images Viewed ("hits"): 2,054,561

Total Visitors Who Viewed Cameras: 75,808

Top 10 most popular cameras this week:

1. West Seattle Bridge mid-span
2. 11<sup>th</sup> Ave SW & SW Spokane Pl
3. W Admiral Way & Chelan Ave
4. SR-99 & S Lander St
5. E Marginal Way S & S Hanford St
6. 1<sup>st</sup> Ave S & E Marginal Way S
7. 15<sup>th</sup> Ave NW & NW Market St
8. 15<sup>th</sup> Ave W & W Emerson St
9. Aurora Ave N & N 87<sup>th</sup> St
10. Alaskan Way Viaduct & Western Ave